GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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Spending on Education in GDP Terms
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether as per recent international reports India spends a meagre percentage of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) on education, of which about one-third is spent on higher education and if so, the details thereof;
(b) whether the requirement of funds in the higher educational institutions has always been higher than the funds that are made available through budget ;
(c) if so, the gap and the amount of funds for the public spending; and
(d) whether there are any estimates of private sector spending in higher education and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
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(a): As per UNESCO Institute of Statistics (UIS), percentage of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) spent on education in India by the government is 3.84% in 2013. On tertiary education it is 1.09%.
(b) & (c): Allocation of funds to the institutions of higher education is made after due diligence considering their requirement of funds and utilisation.
(d): Estimates of private sector spending in higher education is not maintained.
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